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## Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 16 Percent From Last Year

On April 1, 2010, Arizona had 278,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 52,000 head from a year ago and down 8,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 20,000 head during March, 4,000 head less than a year ago. During March, 27,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 8,000 head from last year.

On April 1, 2010, California had 440,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 5,000 head from last year and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 47,000 head during March, 1,000 head less than last year. During March, 51,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 9,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on April 1, 2010. The inventory was 4 percent below April 1, 2009. The inventory included 6.71 million steers and steer calves, down 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62

percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.02 million head, down 3 percent from 2009.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.86 million, 3 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.80 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 395,000, 600-699 pounds were 375,000, 700-799 pounds were 602,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 485,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.90 million, 4 percent above 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 60,000 during March, 20 percent above 2009. This is the second lowest other disappearance for the month of March since the series began in 1996.

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2009-2010

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	April 1, 2010					During March			During March			During March 2/		
	April 1, 2009	Mar 1, 2010	Number	as % of 2009	as % of Mar 1	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	1,000 Head		Percent			1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		Percent
AZ	330	286	278	84	97	24	20	83	35	27	77	1	1	100
CA	445	450	440	99	98	48	47	98	60	51	85	3	6	200
CO	1,040	940	930	89	99	165	185	112	155	190	123	10	5	50
ID	210	195	205	98	105	26	34	131	30	23	77	1	1	100
IA	530	*610	600	113	98	77	77	100	66	84	127	1	3	300
KS	2,280	2,220	2,240	98	101	395	440	111	395	410	104	10	10	100
NE	2,320	2,350	2,290	99	97	360	380	106	365	430	118	5	10	200
NM	137	D	D	D	D	10	D	D	19	D	D	2	D	D
OK	330	355	340	103	96	68	64	94	66	77	117	2	2	100
SD	225	240	235	104	98	46	42	91	44	45	102	2	2	100
TX	2,810	2,650	2,640	94	100	510	490	96	510	485	95	10	15	150
WA	160	168	171	107	102	35	32	91	27	28	104	1	1	100
Other Sts	345	410	400	X	98	44	46	X	52	52	X	2	4	X
US	11,162	*10,874	10,769	96	99	1,808	1,857	103	1,824	1,902	104	50	60	120

\* Revised. D Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. X Comparison to 2009 is not applicable

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## March Milk Production Up 0.9 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 15.4 billion pounds, up 0.9 percent from March 2009. February revised production at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 0.3 percent from February 2009. The February revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,846 pounds for March, 51 pounds above March 2009.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.32 million head, 162,000 head less than March 2009, but 1,000 head more than February 2010.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State, March 2009-2010

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	189	170	2,110	2,180	399	371	-7.0
CA	1,821	1,758	1,925	1,980	3,505	3,481	-0.7
CO	128	116	1,980	2,000	253	232	-8.3
FL	117	113	1,760	1,700	206	192	-6.8
ID	550	554	1,840	1,880	1,012	1,042	3.0
IL	102	101	1,675	1,715	171	173	1.2
IN	167	169	1,750	1,765	292	298	2.1
IA	215	210	1,730	1,775	372	373	0.3
KS	122	116	1,835	1,835	224	213	-4.9
MI	355	356	1,895	1,975	673	703	4.5
MN	468	470	1,640	1,695	768	797	3.8
MO	108	101	1,320	1,295	143	131	-8.4
NM	333	321	2,110	2,105	703	676	-3.8
NY	623	610	1,700	1,740	1,059	1,061	0.2
OH	277	268	1,610	1,680	446	450	0.9
OR	114	115	1,710	1,740	195	200	2.6
PA	550	540	1,670	1,730	919	934	1.6
TX	430	410	1,850	1,890	796	775	-2.6
UT	85	83	1,740	1,780	148	148	
VT	136	135	1,565	1,605	213	217	1.9
VA	97	95	1,600	1,560	155	148	-4.5
WA	239	249	1,950	2,020	466	503	7.9
WI	1,256	1,260	1,675	1,775	2,104	2,237	6.3
23-State Total	8,482	8,320	1,795	1,846	15,222	15,355	0.9

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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## Record Commercial Red Meat Production in March

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.28 billion pounds in March, up 3 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in March 2009.

Beef production, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.91 million head, up 7 percent from March 2009. The average live weight was down 32 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.2 million pounds, slightly below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,800 head, up slightly from March 2009. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from last year, at 259 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.04 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 10.03 million head, up 4 percent from March 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.6 million pounds, was up 11 percent from March 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 262,300 head, 18 percent above last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, down 8 pounds from March a year ago.

January to March 2010 commercial red meat production was 11.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

### Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/

Class	March 2009	February 2010	March 2010	March 2010 as % of 2/	
				March 2009	February 2010
<b>Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat</b>	<b>31,200</b>	<b>29,900</b>	<b>34,100</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>114</b>
<u>United States</u>	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,144.0	1,955.7	2,212.1	103	113
Veal	12.2	10.7	12.2	100	113
Pork	1,969.7	1,757.4	2,039.9	104	116
Lamb and Mutton	15.9	12.3	17.6	111	143
<b>Total Red Meat</b>	<b>4,141.9</b>	<b>*3,736.2</b>	<b>4,281.7</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>115</b>

\* Revised.

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - March 2010 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - March			January - March		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
Cattle	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Hogs	<b>128.4</b>	<b>166,314</b>	<b>1,300</b>	8,167.5	10,434,848	1,282
	<b>0.4</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>265</b>	27,631.3	7,487,182	271

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

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### April Farm Prices Received Index Down 2 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April, at 138 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from March. The Crop Index is down 3 points (2.0 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received lower prices for eggs, strawberries, broccoli, and lettuce and higher prices for cattle, onions, hogs, and soybeans. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell.

Increased monthly marketings of cattle, sweet corn, strawberries, and milk offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and cotton.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 9 points (7.0 percent) from April 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 138, decreased 3 points (2.1 percent) from last month but increased 12 points (9.5 percent) from April 2009.

### Prices Paid Index Up 1 Point

The April Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 183 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is up 1 point (0.5 percent) from March and 3 points (1.7 percent) above April 2009. Higher prices in

April for feeder cattle, diesel, feeder pigs, and potash & phosphate more than offset lower prices for complete feeds, concentrates, feed grains, and herbicides.

### Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, April 2009 and 2010 and March 2010

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		April 2009 Entire Month	March 2010 Entire Month	April 2010 Mid-Month	April 2009 Entire Month	March 2010 Entire Month	April 2010 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	1/	67.4	1/	0.447	0.645	0.635
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Bu	2/	1/	1/	7.18	4.57	4.92
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	155.00	115.00	120.00	131.00	111.00	113.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	49.00	57.00	60.00	48.00	53.50	56.90
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	86.00	94.00	96.00	88.30	95.60	101.00
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	70.10	75.10	77.60	83.80	90.50	95.40
Calves	\$ Cwt	107.00	123.00	129.00	109.00	115.00	121.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	11.00	14.30	14.30	11.90	14.80	14.60

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

5/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

6/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

### United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2009		2010	
	March	April	March	April
Prices Received	126	129	140	138
Prices Paid	180	180	182	183
Ratio 1/	70	72	77	75

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.